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[Beckenham, Kent]

"EMBERTON,"

53 CROMWELL ROAD,

BECKENHAM, KENT.

England

2nd April 1931.

The Secretary,

The American Numismatic Society,

New York.

Sir,

The Librarian of the Royal Numismatic Society in London was showing me the other day copies of 4 small red books written by a gentleman named *Billingham* ~~Jerningham~~ on French, French Colonial, Italian and Spanish Orders and Medals. I am very keen to get hold of a copy of each of these but particularly the Spanish volume. Would you be kind enough to tell me where it can be obtained and the price, etc? or perhaps your Society has a spare copy which it would be in a position to loan to me for a week or so for copying purposes? I am making a collection of the ribbons of the various Orders, Decorations and Medals of the world and the book to which I am referring contains more detail on Spanish medals than any book I know of.

I thank you in anticipation of any information which you can afford me

and remain, Sir,

yours faithfully,

L.F. Guille

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April 27, 1931

L. F. Guille, Esq.
"Emberton"
53 Cromwell Road
Beckenham, Kent

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 2nd is at hand. We are sending you under separate cover a copy of the monograph on Spanish decorations. That on French decorations is out of print. The price of the other two are as follows:

Notes on the Decorations and Medals of the
French Colonies and Protectorates \$2.00

Italian Orders of Chivalry and Medals of
Honor \$2.00

If you do not desire to keep the Spanish volume at the price of \$3.00 you may return it after a reasonable interval, say of one month.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Returned
Received 6/15/31

L. E. Guille, Esq.
"Emberton"
53 Cromwell Road
Beckenham, Kent
England

April 27, 1931

On Consignment

1 copy - Gillingham: Spanish Orders of Chivalry and
Decorations of Honour

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Returned 6/15/31

Parcel post
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November 17, 1931.

L. F. Guille, Esq.
"Emberton"
53 Cromwell Road
Beckenham, Kent.

Dear Sir:

In april of this year you wrote that you desired a copy of Mr. Gillingham's monograph on "French Decorations", and we replied that this monograph was out of print. I have just learned of a copy which may be had for \$4.00. Would you care to pay that much for it? It is only as extra copies such as this become available that they can be procured.

Very truly yours,

EN:JC

Secretary

53 Cromwell Road,
Beckenham, Kent,
England.

24.11.1931.

The Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Sir,

I thank you for your courtesy in advising me of the possibility of buying a copy of Mr Gillingham's book on French decorations for \$4.00. I regret I cannot do so, however, as \$4.00 at the present rate of $3.63\frac{1}{2} = \text{£}1.2.0d$ and that is a lot of money for a small book.

Would you be willing to help me in another way? I think I told you that I wanted Mr Gillingham's books to discover the various medals for which I have not got specimens of the ribbons. My collection of ribbons now numbers over 1800, but I find great difficulty in obtaining them from Mexico and Central and South America. Can you put me into touch with anyone in these countries, either collectors of medals or dealers? For the purposes of my collection I only require one inch of each ribbon together with the relative name and date. A collector of medals would not miss this small piece from his medal.

Would a small paragraph in your magazine - I have no doubt you publish one - be permitted? I would of course pay for such ribbons as I got and the one inch length is the minimum. I am naturally willing to purchase 6 inch pieces if they come from dealers.

I did hear that the A.N.S. was publishing a monograph on Central and South American decorations. Is this so?

I thank you in anticipation for any aid and information you may be able to give me

and remain, Sir,

yours faithfully,

L.F. Guille
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December 3, 1931.

Mr. L. F. Guille
85 Cranwell Road
Beckenham, Kent.
England.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 24th is at hand. I have written to one correspondent in Mexico regarding your desire to secure specimens of ribbons and will write you again, as soon as I have word from him. Mr. Gillingham is the one who is planning the monograph on Central American Decorations. His work on South American pieces is almost ready to put in the printer's hands. Unfortunately, however, he too has shared your difficulty in obtaining information regarding ribbons, to say nothing of actual specimens of them. We appreciate the aid you gave with the Brazilian ribbons and I shall therefore be doubly happy in keeping in mind your desire in this direction. I assume that you have had contact with Casa Pardo in Buenos Aires. We have found them the most active dealers in South American decorations, but, this superlative will be understood as a tempered one, when I add that we have not found many other decorations anywhere else on that continent. We do not publish a magazine, although we have access to the pages of "The Numismatist". I hardly believe that an insertion there would result in any considerable response. Please feel that I should be very glad to have you write me further, if there is any way in which I may be of service.

Very truly yours,

LM:JC
cc-Mr. Gillingham

Secretary

53 Cromwell Road,

Beckenham, England,

14-12-1931.

The Secretary,

The American Numismatic Society, New York.

Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 3rd inst.

Jensen
To take the points seriatim, I await with great expectation your further news from Mexico. This country published a work called "Heraldico Mexicano" giving all the medals and their ribbons.

I should very much appreciate a sight for a few days of Mr Gillingham's 2 works on Central and South American Decorations respectively when they appear. Any further help I can afford you or him will only be too willingly given. I have access to the Library of the British Museum and any information I can find there is at your disposal. Please do not hesitate to ask.

I had not heard of the Casa Pardo of Buenos Aires, but caught Saturday's mail with a letter in Spanish detailing my requirements and I hope to receive a favourable answer.

Jensen
How am I to find out what State - as distinct from Federal - medals have been issued? As they are permitted to be worn at State functions in uniform as most of your States are as populous as some European countries I consider the ribbons worthy of a place in my collection. I have some 26 of these divided among 9 States, but there are 48 States, so many are missing.

There are also 4 Federal ribbons of each of which I badly want 2 inches - The Medal of Honour - original design - white and blue stripes vertically with red squares on a white square in the top left corner.

do.

First change - I believe red with white-red-white centre or red with blue-white-blue centre.

King
Bailey Medal - greyish blue with $1\frac{1}{8}$ " wide.

B.A. Hinde
Spanish American war - old pattern - yellow with red stripe near each edge and blue edges.

Yours faithfully,

L.F. Guille

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December 29, 1931.

Mr. L. F. Guille
53 Cromwell Road
Beckenham, England.

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of December 14th, I enclose herewith specimens of three of the ribbons you desire. I am writing for another, as well as for some of the information requested in your letter and I hope to be able to write you again after an interval.

Very truly yours,

SM:JC

Secretary

January 2, 1932.

Mr. L. F. Guille
53 Cromwell Road
Beckenham, England.

Dear Sir:

Continuing my recent letter I beg to
enclose herewith a specimen of the ribbon used
for the Bailey Medal, which was one of the
four desired by you.

Very truly yours,

SN:JC

Secretary

January 12, 1932.

Mr. L. F. Guille
53 Cromwell Road
Beckenham, Kent.
England.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am sending you the response to the portion of your letter regarding State decorations, which has been prepared, as you will see, by General DeWitt Clinton Falls. I hope this will give you much of the information you desire. I am also enclosing a sheet of four colored illustrations which are to be embodied in a forthcoming monograph on "Russian Imperial Orders."

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary